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**Atlanta City Councilmember Carla Smith brings ecodepot to CHaRM,  
Georgia's first public and year-round hazardous waste collection and recycling center on  
Saturday, April 23**



**ATLANTA** – City Councilmember Carla Smith invites Atlanta residents to join her for **ecodepot**, Atlanta's largest recycling event, taking place from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd at the Center for Hard to Recycle Material (CHaRM), located at 1110 Hill Street, S.E. 30315.

The one-day event is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. It has allowed city residents to dispose of recyclable materials and divert thousands of pounds of household hazardous waste, and other hard to recycle items from Atlanta's water supplies and landfills.

"I am proud that we have continued this event for more than a decade," Smith said. "It has become a day when residents look forward to discarding items such as electronics, paint and so many other recyclable items in an environmentally friendly way."

Councilmember Smith and her colleague Councilmember Alex Wan sponsored legislation to open CHaRM, which serves as a year round recycling and hazardous waste collection facility for all city of Atlanta residents. The center is operated by LiveThrive Atlanta.

The idea of opening a year round recycling facility for residents grew out of Smith's commitment to hosting an annual large scale one-day recycling event starting in 2003.

“With our annual event, we made an impact on countless individuals and households when it comes to how they discard certain items.” Smith said. “We still have more awareness and educating to do, especially in our current environment which we dispose of items so quickly.”

**Items** that will be accepted during **ecodepot** on Saturday, April 23rd include: electronics, glass, clothing, tires, paint (oil/latex-based), pesticides, expired medications, batteries, chemicals/pesticides, fats/cooking oil/grease, fluorescent bulbs (including CFL's), mattresses, plastic bags/wrap, styrofoam and paper for shredding and more. Some items require a disposal fee.

For a full list of items that will be accepted visit: <http://livethrive.org/charm>

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